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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Concise Statement of Relevance of non-English language documents:

1. WO 97/28087 - An English language abstract is included.
2. DE 196 18 529 - An English language translation of this document is included.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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